

EUCHRE A CLOAK FOR VICE, AND THAT'S THE KIND CAPT. MILES O'REILLY'S AFTER.

Public Games in Brooklyn Where Married Women and High-School Girls Are Said to Get Into Bad Company—Tickets for Them Sold in Street Cars.

Police Captain Miles O'Reilly, who says he is going to raid shady euchre games in Brooklyn, received many letters of praise yesterday.

One man wrote to say that his wife had been in the habit of attending a game where the women were introduced to young men, and that it was simply a trying place for unfaithful spouses. Another man wrote from Pennsylvania inclosing in his letter a Kentucky Judge's charge to a grand jury on the euchre subject. Still another wrote to say that his daughter had been away from home by a woman who had been giving professional euchre parties.

At the police station in Ralph avenue the captain had many visitors who called for the purpose of talking over the euchre subject. To all of his callers Capt. O'Reilly explained that he was not opposed to progressive euchre parties for charitable or social purposes, but he was after certain Brooklyn women who practically ran gambling games under the guise of euchre parties. If the attempt were made to give a progressive euchre at her home next Saturday night, the first prize would be a handsome parlor clock. The notice also said that her Thursday afternoon euchre parties would be continued as usual. She wanted to know from the captain whether he intended to interfere with her games.

The captain asked her what she did with the proceeds of these parties, and she explained that she was a cripple and that she supported herself by giving the parties.

"Well," said the captain, "that is an act of charity, and I guess you won't be interfered with."

Mrs. Knife, who had advertised a euchre party for last Saturday at Decorator Hall on Gates avenue, Brooklyn, was under the care of her physician yesterday. A young woman answered the doorbell at her home, in Woodbine street, and said:

"All this O'Reilly euchre talk has simply made her sick," said the young woman to a SUN reporter. "She is now too ill to be seen. It is true that she had advertised her euchre party for Saturday, but the reason it did not take place was because she was ill. When she gets over it, she will go right on holding her euchre parties at Decorator Hall."

Mrs. G. M. Hill of 85 Elders street, who has been giving euchres weekly at Hall's Hall in Gates avenue, said that she always found some work of charity in which the euchre party was a different person. The last euchre she held, she said, brought money to aid a poor family in the neighborhood. Her euchres, she added, were always honest.

Mrs. Amy Carlisle of 1263 Broadway, whose husband is said to be a teacher of dancing, declared that she would continue to give euchres at her home in the neighborhood. She said that she had been charged a week ago with giving a euchre party at her home. She usually charged 50 cents, but last week a dollar had been charged. So far as she was concerned, the euchre parties were not a matter of profit, but because he had not been in the precinct long enough to investigate everything.

Hart's Hall, in Gates avenue near Broadway, euchres have been advertised for every afternoon and evening this week, and the police are keeping a close watch on the place. This is just around the corner from the police station. Capt. O'Reilly said he would send detectives to investigate each of the parties.

In many instances, Capt. O'Reilly said, certain women advertised euchre parties for charity and collected prizes from business men who were present. He said that he had been told that a woman in the back rooms of Broadway saloons was giving such parties.

"I'm simply going to shovel out the dirt," said the captain. "So far I haven't mentioned the names of the people I am after, and I hope none of the respectable folks will think they are being mentioned in the particular kind that I intend to arrest. Of course I believe in church euchres and other parties given for charitable purposes are all to the good, and often I myself have purchased tickets for them. Some euchre parties are also beneficial—they keep the young folks indoors and out of mischief."

"When I do begin the fur will fly. All I want is evidence of a fake game or one which is a fraud is running."

Officer Frank Fox of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was in Capt. O'Reilly's precinct yesterday. He, too, is looking for certain women who have been carrying on nefarious practices under the guise of progressive euchre.

"I have heard of many cases wherein women have been the means of bringing trouble into families by running these progressive euchre games," said Agent Fox. "They travel on the Gates avenue line, and also on the Putnam avenue line, both of which run through Capt. O'Reilly's precinct."

"In the case they must school girls and send tickets for progressive euchre parties and give them to young men of bad character. In one case a woman who said she lived on the Gates avenue line, sent tickets to some of the High School girls, and when the girls went out to this woman's house she introduced them to young men and engaged them to go to the dark when the music began to play."

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Some of the women told their shame with astonishing frankness—not boldly or brazenly, but in tone and manner showing that they felt the humiliation of their position and that they knew that Inspector Cross and those who sat about him were taking down data about them which would make it practically impossible for them ever again to follow their calling without police protection.

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S. P. BOOKS CLOSE ON APRIL 3.

ASA BIRD GARDINER TAKES A HACK AT THE POOL.

Invites Sufferers by "Losses Incurred" to See Him—Mr. Keene's Firm Issues a Public Call for Proceeds of Day It Can't Get Full Stockholders' List.

Following a meeting of the directors of the Southern Pacific company yesterday, official announcement was made that the transfer books of the company will close on April 3, for the purpose of the annual meeting of the stockholders on April 8. Wall Street has taken a great interest in the date, governing, as it does, the period of time that the two parties contesting for the control of the company will have for gathering proxies. Herebefore the books of the company have usually closed about March 15.

As it is, they will close two days after the date set for the hearing in Cincinnati of the proceedings brought by Talbot J. Taylor & Co., brokers of James R. Keene, manager of the Southern Pacific pool, to enjoin the Union Pacific interests from voting the \$50,000,000 of Southern Pacific stock that they hold.

Saturday's court ruling that the annual meeting must be held at Bechtolt, Ky., was made at the request of the Union Pacific interests. For several years the annual meetings have been held in this city.

Ex-District Attorney Asa Bird Gardiner appeared in the fight yesterday with an advertised request to members of the Keene pool "in which it is stated that losses have been incurred," to come to him with any complaints they may have about the management of the pool.

Talbot J. Taylor & Co. issued another circular, yesterday, bearing upon the contest for control. They say:

"Either there is a mistaken idea regarding the position taken by the minority stockholders of the Southern Pacific company, or a determined effort is being made to mislead and distort the facts. The efforts of the minority stockholders are not directed toward forcing a dividend upon Southern Pacific stock, nor toward anything but the separation of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems to the end that the Southern Pacific Railroad will be run entirely in the interest of all the stockholders of the Southern Pacific company."

There is no doubt but that the operation of the Southern Pacific company independently of the Union Pacific would largely injure the interests of the latter. It is desired that all railroads interchanging business with the Southern Pacific shall do so on equal terms and that the Southern Pacific shall be able to obtain from them a partial list of its stockholders.

It was intimated that the Union Pacific interests do not propose to enter into any controversy, but will reserve everything they have to say for the hearing on April 3. The Pacific Coast freight rates were lowered yesterday, opening down 3¢ at 64, jumping up to 65 1/2 before noon on sales of only a few hundred shares, touching 65 1/2 and closing at 65 1/2.

Wall Street got a despatch from Salt Lake City yesterday quoting Senator W. A. Clark, president of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, as stating that published reports that a deal had been closed between the Oregon Short Line and the railroad, whereby the latter secured the franchise of the Short Line south of Salt Lake City, was incorrect. "While negotiations have been pending between the two companies, no contract has been closed except as to adjustment of legal differences," the Senator was quoted as saying. Senator Clark was seen at his home in Salt Lake City yesterday about the despatch. He made this statement:

"Negotiations have been on, but are not yet closed. I did send a despatch to Salt Lake City yesterday stating that the company in the West are not empowered to make any statements, and so far as I am concerned, I do not propose to give out any statement until the matter is completely settled. The Senator would not say whether the deal contemplated the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad buying out a portion of the franchise of the Short Line, or obtaining from the Harriman interests a half interest in the property."

\$20,000,000 Oil Company.
A certificate of incorporation in the name of the American Petroleum Company has been filed with the Secretary of State at Trenton, N. J. The capital stock is \$20,000,000, divided into 10,000,000 shares of 2 cents each. The company is to be organized in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The Standard Oil Company is to be the principal promoter of the company, and a number of New York, Philadelphia and Montreal firms. The corporation is said to have been organized for the purpose of consolidating under one management a large number of oil properties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The Standard Oil Company is to be the principal promoter of the company, and a number of New York, Philadelphia and Montreal firms. The corporation is said to have been organized for the purpose of consolidating under one management a large number of oil properties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

North American Stock Increase.
At the special meeting of the stockholders of the North American Company, held at New York yesterday, it was voted to increase the capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The increase of \$3,000,000 is to be paid for the stock of the Laclede Gas Light Company and the Missouri Edison Company, and whatever amount is issued for the balance of the stock is to be paid for the stock of the Laclede Gas Light Company and the Missouri Edison Company, and whatever amount is issued for the balance of the stock is to be paid for the stock of the Laclede Gas Light Company and the Missouri Edison Company.

President William Mark in Town.
James William Mark, president of the National City Bank, has returned to the city from New York, where he has spent several weeks. Daniel Johnson will return from Europe on the steamship Oceanic, sailing from Liverpool to-morrow.

The Weather.
The storm from the Gulf of Mexico passed on yesterday and cleared the country over the Manhattan River with the center being over the city. The weather is now clearing and the sun is visible. The temperature is rising and the wind is light and variable.

Financial Notes.
A director of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company—the operating company of the Bell Telephone system—declared yesterday that the company is now in a position to pay dividends on its common stock. The company is now in a position to pay dividends on its common stock.

Daily Treasury Statement.
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Treasury shows:

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WOODBURY ASKS EAST SIDE AID.

He Appeals to the People to Help Him Clean the Streets.

Commissioner John McGraw Woodbury of the Street Cleaning Department appealed to the people of the East Side for aid in cleaning the streets of that district in a lecture at the Assembly Hall of the Educational Alliance last night.

Dr. Woodbury showed lantern views of a number of East Side streets. Before he closed the name of the first one shown most of those in the audience called out "Hester street." After that he let them guess the names of the streets shown and in every instance the correct name was called.

"These are the men that sweep the streets. I am proud of them. They are my people and I am one of them. We live in an absolute democracy. Every one must bear his burden and do his part."

"I can't clean the streets unless the people themselves do it. We pick up by hand from 16 to 18 tons of rubbish that has been thrown into the streets in this district every day. You must bring about a reform. It will give me your help I'll clean and make clean. Without your help it is impossible."

STOCK BOOK MUST BE SHOWN.
Test Case That Affects All Foreign Corporations.

On the application of Robert M. Miles, Jr., a stockholder in the Montreal and Boston Copper Company, Limited, Supreme Court Justice Leavitt issued a peremptory mandamus yesterday directing the officers of the company to produce and deposit for inspection its stock and transfer books. The books are to be produced at the offices of the company's transfer agents, Monroe & Monroe, 25 Broad street.

Justice Leavitt ordered that where a foreign corporation has a transfer agent in this city, the books of the company must be shown to the stockholders. It is the first time that a foreign corporation has been ordered to show its books to the stockholders in this city.

THEODORE PRICE TO SUE?
Story of an Account Closed Out Against His Wish in the Cotton Speculation.

It was reported yesterday that Theodore Price, who has been recognized as the best trader in the cotton market, is considering the wisdom of bringing a suit against one of the leading Cotton Exchange houses on account of an alleged loss due to the closing out of Mr. Price's account by the firm. The report had it that the firm did much of Mr. Price's business and that at a time when his trades aggregated \$500,000, they closed him out against his wishes, making him a heavy loser.

"I have absolutely nothing to say," was his persistent answer to all inquiries. At the office of the firm connected with the case, Mr. Price's possible suit a member said:

"I don't see that we can say anything about the legal intentions of Mr. Price. He hasn't told us anything of his intentions, but we presume he knows whom he is going to sue."

Attachment Against Mining Company.
Deputy Sheriff Govan has received an attachment against the Playa de Oro Mining Company in favor of Otis S. Gage for \$40,000 and interest for several years, making the total nearly \$70,000. The Sheriff levied on the books and papers of the company at its temporary office, 80 White street. The attachment was granted on the ground that it is a Kentucky corporation. Mr. Otis alleges that the company owes him the money for the proceeds of 2,000 shares of stock which he let the company have on Nov. 8, 1895, which proceeds were to be repaid to him in case the company's property was subsequently sold or a reorganization took place. The property was sold under foreclosure of a mortgage of \$200,000 and a bondholders' committee has a reorganization under way.

Hahn's Bank Attached.
Deputy Sheriff Cronin has received an attachment for \$50,000 against the Bank of Manhattan, which is the bank of the company. The attachment was granted on the ground that it is a Kentucky corporation. Mr. Otis alleges that the company owes him the money for the proceeds of 2,000 shares of stock which he let the company have on Nov. 8, 1895, which proceeds were to be repaid to him in case the company's property was subsequently sold or a reorganization took place. The property was sold under foreclosure of a mortgage of \$200,000 and a bondholders' committee has a reorganization under way.

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Consolidated Gas.

See DOW, JONES & CO.'S News Bulletin and Ticker service to-day and THE WALL STREET JOURNAL this afternoon and to-morrow morning for important facts bearing on the electric light and power question in New York City. These facts will keenly interest the public as well as the stockholders of

Consolidated Gas.
Investors Read The Wall Street Journal. Southern Pacific Pool!

Request is hereby made that participants in the Southern Pacific Railway Pool, in which it is stated that losses have been incurred, will communicate to the undersigned such information as they may have relative to the management thereof in order that proper investigation and action may be had in the interest of participants.

ASA BIRD GARDINER,
Counselor at Law,
125 Broadway,
NEW YORK CITY.

MINNEAPOLIS BREWING COMPANY.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That, pursuant to the terms of the mortgage dated April 1, 1902, made by the above named company to the Manhattan Trust Company, of New York, as Trustee, the following is a list of the names of the stockholders of the company, as of the date of the closing of the books of the company on March 23, 1903.

WABASH "B" BONDS LOST.
Lost \$100,000 "B" Bonds. The numbers are 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 3